## TELLS OF BURNING OF THE KOENIGSBERG

British Officer Describes German Raider's Destruction in African River.

BEATEN BY RIVER CRAFT

Special Correspondence to THE SUN. LONDON, Sept. 5 .- The Times prints a personal letter written by an officer of the Royal Navy Volunteer Reserve on the Severn, one of the two river monitors which destroyed the German cruiser Koenigsberg in the Rufiji River, German East Africa, last July, describing the fight

The Koenigsberg, a protected cruiser of 3,348 tone and carrying ten 4.1 inch guns, did much damage to British commerce in the Indian Ocean after the beginning of the war. She defeated the ritish cruiser Pegasus in September, but the British cruiser Chatham got on her trail and the Koenigsberg took refuge six miles up the Rufiji. Two river monitors, Severn and Mersey, which had been used on the Belgian coast, were sent to put the Koenigsberg out of action.

The officer's letter, written on July 15,

"We have at last finished the most important thing we came all the way out here for. We have destroyed the Koenigsberg; she is now lying up the River Rufiji, a useless wreck-burned

"The Severn and Mersey had a month hard at it fixing up in Tirene Bay. The men worked from sunrise to sunset and had one afternoon free only during the whole time. The last few days were taken up practising with the aeroplanes We anchored off shore and fired at target the other side of the island. The aeroplane told us where the shots fell and we corrected the aim till the target

Hit Her Six Times on First Trial.

"Tuesday, July 6, was the day of the from 8:45 A. M. till 4:45 P. M. and everal hours of that were under fire. The engine room people were not re-lieved the whole time and they were down there the whole time in a tempera-ture of 132-135! It was not up in the top, but child's play to the engine room. We hit the Koenlysberg six times a target and I doubt whether we hit her

that she would draw the Koenigs 's fire and leave us a free hand. Koenigsberg, however, fired one at her and then for the rest of the day concentrated on us. She was ot a soul was even scratched.

Home Memories Amid War's Tragedy POLICE OF LONDON



THIS picture, taken recently in territory won by the Italians from Austria, represents a scene unusual in war. A redeemed "bambino," frightened by the terrific cannonading, aroused the sympathy of two bersaglieri, who are seen quieting the child by presenting to it a little bird and so distracting its attention from the constant roar of

### SAYS RUSSIA IS TWISTING A NOOSE FOR THE KAISER

arst attempt. We were at our stations London Editor, Calling Him "Mule in Trappings of War Horse," Predicts That Snow Will Be "Winding Sheet of the German Hosts."

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oit of German shell on board as a man's noese, he says, is being twisted Emperor, "whose ambition may in their advance had been carefully him right on to the Siberian capi-

The writer prays that the Raise cannot be beaten upon his own soil. THE SUN obtained Pray's story first troops may reach Petrograd and Mos- Even if the Germans were to sweep the from these officials, then from Pray, and Russian army right back to the Ural Russian army right back to the Ural was assured that of its verity there Mountains they could not for long re- was no doubt.

# WANT 'HERO' PRAY

Man Who Told of Escaping From Germany Called an Impostor.

SAID TO BE E. F. CURRAN

London, Sept. 5 .- People who wish a friendly reception are warned not to nention the name of Charles B. Pray, the "escaped American prisoner from Germany," in the following places: The ntelligence department of the War Office, ordinance department of the War Office, special branch of Scotland Yard, American Relief Committee, American Consulate, American Embassy (and particularly the Military Attache's office), various English news-paper offices, the offices of the London correspondents of American newspapers. This is only a partial list. It could also include several good hearted chari-

table private persons who have taken Pray to their hearts and showered him with hospitality and money. his name in the criminal investigation branch of Scotland Yard, where it will be greeted with huge chuckles, and Pray vill be designated as the man who has will be told that Pray is a rank

Doubt His Story,

They also a mit that he may have

Charles B. Pray. On July 17 he appeared at the American Relief Committee clothes and shoes and shirts, given money and sent to a lodging house in

### AMERICAN FIGHTING FORCE IN FRANCE DISBANDS; MEN SEPARATE



THE above is a recent photograph of the Americans at the front, sent by THE SUN's correspondent with the Legion. In the photograph Delpeuch is seen frying potatoes. The potatoes and bread were supplied by French artillerymen from their own rations. The Second Regiment of the Fereign Legion, which includes the American contingent, has been

broken up and its members distributed : mong various regular French regiments of their own choice. The men shown in the photograph therefore are now scattered along the line with different regiments.

LONG NEAR RHEIMS. Legioners Then Sent to Alsace for war Short Stay.

Special Correspondence to THE St.

IN A HOLY CAUSE

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN'S correspondent with the For- be seen going to work in the fields, where available

### SAYS ALLIES FIGHT BELGIANS OBSERVE FETE, DESPITE GERMAN ORDER

War Is Between Christ and Satan.

Pray was then taken back to the War is a small volume entitled "The Wa

Sir Oliver Lodge Writes That Church Congregation in Brussels Sings National Anthem and Shouts "Long Live Belgium!"-Many Risk Arrest by Wearing National Colors.

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### **VIENNESE SUFFER** LITTLE FROM WAR

Wholesale Purchases Arranged by Mayor Assure Food for Every Resident.

VAST RELIEF MEASURES

Vienna, Dr. Weiskirchner, has just published a report on the relief measures taken in this city during the first year of the war—August 1, 1914, to July The fugitives from Galiz'a 000,000 kronen (\$31,200,000), \$16,000,000 was for flour alone. A month ago the Mayor succeeded in buying from the German Government 1,000 carloads of pure wheat flour, this being out of the stores left over from last year's crop; and to this must be added an-other 380 carloads of the fluest Hun-

PARIS, Sept. 18.—Three Americans in the Foreign Legion, Soubiran. Moriac and Chatkoff, the correspondent of The falling.

Some 60,000,000 kronen was paid to "Second Lieut. Sweeny, before leaving from the part of the part of the standard form of the standard form. Was kept busy asknowledging serving at the front. This amount was but they doubt it, as the dates of his scape and sub squent movements do not agree with their findings.

In any of the places above listel save the criminal investigation branch of Scotland Yard the mention of Pray's name is the signal for a bombardment of language that is not only warlike and highly explose ve but might even set if sf exposure of the gospel of fright.

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